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TAGS: PEPR MARR US UK UR  
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL FRG PARTICIPATION IN SOVIET HELICOPTER  
DEMONSTRATION

REF: STATE 185956

1. DURING A CONVERSATION TODAY ON OTHER MATTERS, FRG POLITICAL DIRECTOR BLECH ASKED THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR ABOUT THE BACKGROUND REGARDING OUR DECISION REGARDING OFFICIAL PARTICIPATION IN THE SOVIET HELICOPTER DEMONSTRATION. THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR DREW ON MATERIAL IN REFTEL FOR HIS REPLY. HE THEN ASKED BLECH WHAT THE GERMANS WERE DOING.

2. BLECH SAID THE GERMANS HAD ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO HAVE ONE CIVILIAN HELICOPTER AND FIVE MILITARY HELICOPTERS (WITH MILITARY CREWS) PARTICIPATING. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO ACT IN THE SPIRIT OF OUR DECISION, THEY HAVE REDUCED THEIR PARTICIPATION TO ONE MILITARY HELICOPTER AS WELL AS THE CIVILIAN HELICOPTER.

3. BLECH SAID THE FRG COULD NOT COMPLETELY ABSTAIN FROM OFFICIAL PARTICIPATION BECAUSE GERMAN MILITARY AIRCRAFT

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WILL BE USED TO CARRY BELL CIVILIAN HELICOPTERS TO THE DEMONSTRATION. THEREFORE, COMPLETE FRG ABSTENTION WOULD HAVE MEANT NO US CIVILIAN PARTICIPATION EITHER. THE DECISION WAS THUS MADE TO PERMIT USE OF FRG AIRCRAFT TO CARRY US HELICOPTERS AND, SO AS NOT TO CONFINE PARTICIPATION EXCLUSIVELY TO A FERRY SERVICE, ALSO TO PERMIT ONE MILITARY HELICOPTER AND CREW

TO PARTICIPATE.  
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